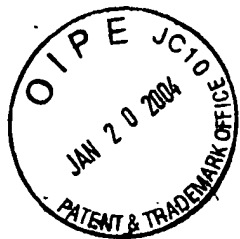


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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))


Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated August 20, 2003 for a period of two months.

Please charge the \$420.00 fee to American Express Account No. 3785-716974-01002. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

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